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Worker dies as dock collapses in North Van

ACCIDENT A forklift operator is dead after a dock collapse in North Vancouver.

RCMP Cpl. Peter Devries says police were called to the scene about 3:20 p.m. yesterday after the forklift tumbled into the water.

Devries says two workers were moving the forklift and some equipment when one of the pontoons under the dock gave way.

The second person wasn't injured.

Devries says divers located the man's body still inside the forklift and the coroner was called to the scene. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ticket scam costs VANOC $2M

Fan-to-fan payout delay a credit card fraud, not system problem, say organizers

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VANOC defended its online fan-to-fan marketplace yesterday after last month's revelation that a group of Latvians scammed $2 million by reselling tickets purchased with fraudulent credit cards.

The scam is blamed for the late payout of a couple hundred transactions.

Deputy CEO Dave Cobb said the scam was credit card fraud and wasn't directly tied to the ticketing system that enabled people to resell tickets they couldn't use.

"It was simply stolen credit cards that were used that could have been used to purchase anything," Cobb said, following a VANOC board meeting.

"Obviously they saw the level of activity that was going on in our fan-to-fan site and thought they could ram as many transactions through as quickly as they could, probably expecting to get caught."

Innovation

- CEO John Furlong said the fan-to-fan marketplace was a celebrated innovation that ensured Olympic venues were well attended throughout the Games.

Olympic organizers were made aware of the scam in the final three to four days of the Games. They contacted police and refused to allow any new accounts.

"We knew that the way gold medal hockey was going that it would have likely led to several times the level of fraud that occurred in the period we caught it," Cobb said.

In March, Vancouver Deputy Chief Steve Sweeney told Metro that police got ahead of the scam and arrested four Latvians when they went to pick up the tickets.

Approximately 200 of the 13,000 fan-to-fan accounts were affected, resulting in late payments. The remaining 220 cheques will be mailed out this week.

VANOC is out of pocket $2 million. The organizing committee hopes to recoup some or all of the loss through its insurance provider, Visa and Visa-issuing banks.

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The London 2012 Olympic mascot Wenlock, left, and the Paralympic mascot Mandeville strike an Usain Bolt pose as they're unveiled to the world outside a school in London yesterday.

London 2012 mascots digital age creatures

OLYMPICS They're not furry animals, neither male nor female and have no cutesy names.

London 2012 organizers unveiled the Olympic and Paralympic mascots yesterday — one-eyed creations from the digital age named after two small English towns.

Officials predicted the mascots — Wenlock and Mandeville — will be a big hit with kids and help inspire young people to get involved in Olympic sports.

"We've talked to lots of children and they don't want cuddly toys," London 2012 organizing committee chairman Sebastian Coe said. "They want something they can interact with and something with a good story behind it."

The two mascots are based on a story by children's author Michael Morpurgo, in which they are formed by a welder from the last drops of steel from the girders of the Olympic Stadium in east London.

Wenlock wears the Olympic rings as friendship bracelets, and its head is formed in the shape of a medals podium. Mandeville's head is shaped like a bicycle racing helmet. Each mascot has a single eye in the middle of its face representing a camera lens that will capture their experiences on the way to 2012. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Trigger happy

- Organizers hope the mascots will receive a more positive reaction than the London 2012 logo, left, which was widely panned when it was unveiled in 2007 and was even blamed for triggering seizures among some television viewers.

What do you think of the London 2012 mascots?

Lauren Deslauriers
23, Burnaby
A: "It looks so weird, like little aliens. Are they supposed to be a man and a women or something?

Nick Haltitin
37, Vancouver
A: "The Simpsons meet an X-rated store on Granville. Quatchi kicks the heck out of those guys for sure."

Anya Georgivevic
30, Vancouver
A: "They look a lot like sperm or The Simpsons' aliens. The Vancouver ones were cute, these are really creepy."

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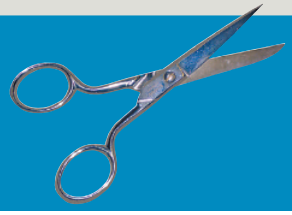

Another salon joins oil spill effort

Another Vancouver hair salon is joining the campaign to donate hair to help combat the recent oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico. Ego Aveda Salon is collecting hair to be woven into nylon mats and booms that are used to contain the oil.

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Clinton in town for speech

ADDRESS Former U.S. president Bill Clinton is in Vancouver today, delivering a keynote address at a Board of Trade event.

Clinton's talk is entitled Embracing Our Common Humanity and will be followed by a conversation with former provincial finance minister Carole Taylor.

Bill Clinton

Clinton, president from 1993 to 2001, will share his insights and describe the challenges of globalization and interdependence.

The event, part of the board's Rix Center for Corporate Citizenship and Engaged Leadership, runs from 4:30 to 6 p.m. at the Centre in Vancouver for Performing Arts. Tickets run from $99 to $559.

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VANOC CEO John Furlong, left, chats with deputy CEO Dave Cobb following a VANOC board meeting yesterday at the organization's headquarters in East Vancouver.

VANOC dissolution continues

COMMITTEE A balanced Olympic budget is within reach, VANOC said yesterday as efforts continue to dissolve the organizing committee.

Precise budget numbers were not given, but will be announced this fall.

At its peak, VANOC had 1,500 employees spread over two office buildings in East Vancouver. The organization now numbers 128 employees, a number that will be reduced by half each month.

Remaining staff will converge on a single floor and will wrap up the finances ahead of the end of operations on Nov. 1. By the middle of July, the only ones left will be financial employees.

Other work includes the handover of venues and the official 2010 debrief in Sochi, Russia, next month. About 35 VANOC employees will travel to Russia for the debrief.

CEO John Furlong said he will remain with the organization until its close, but will stop working at the VANOC office after June 30, returning to the building only when needed.

JEFF HODSON/METRO VANCOUVER

Heavy winds wreak havoc with power, commute

STORM Heavy winds knocked out power to more than 30,000 people, felled trees and disrupted the afternoon commute yesterday.

SkyTrain service was interrupted around 3:30 p.m. because of fallen branches, and a tree brought down power lines over train tracks in Coquitlam, bringing the West Coast Express to a halt. When it started rolling again, it bypassed Coquitlam and Port Coquitlam stations while crews worked to clear the tracks.

There were also reports of trees falling on vehicles around the Lower Mainland. Rain and colder-than-usual temperatures reaching as high as 14 C are expected today and tomorrow.

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News in brief

CORRECTION The owner of a downtown Vancouver bar was incorrectly identified in a photo published yesterday. Ashi Minhas owns The Moose on Nelson Street, which is becoming popular with Montreal Canadiens fans.

MOUNTIE A Surrey RCMP officer is charged with assaulting a woman during a traffic stop in February 2009. Const. Imran Saeed was already facing assault charges in an unrelated on-duty incident in May 2009.

WATTS Surrey Mayor Diane Watts returned to work yesterday after taking nearly a month off following a car accident on April 23.

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B.C. leads in cancer fight

Healthier lifestyle credited for low death, incidence numbers

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People may snicker at the cliché that Vancouverites are yoga-loving health nuts, but according to statistics released yesterday, that truism is paying off in the form of low cancer rates.

British Columbia is leading Canada's battle against cancer with the lowest death and incidence rates in the country because, in part, of our healthier lifestyle, according to Canadian Cancer Society spokesperson Kathryn Seely.

"In the West Coast, we tend to smoke less, exercise more and eat better."

"Research now tells us that 50 per cent of cancer cases are preventable by avoiding risk factors like tobacco use, over-exposure to ultra-violet radiation, physical inactivity, unhealthy eating and obesity."

The regions on the other end of the spectrum are Quebec and the Atlantic provinces, where people tend to smoke more, exercise less and eat fattier food.

Prostate, breast, lung and colorectal cancers continue to be the most prevalent cancers in men and women in B.C. and in Canada.

In 2010, these four cancers will account for 53.7 per cent of all cancers diagnosed in B.C. and 54.4 per cent of all cancers diagnosed in Canada.

Lung cancer remains the leading cause of cancer death for both men and women, and will make up 27 per cent of all cancer deaths in Canada.

This year's rates

- In B.C. this year, there will be an estimated 21,600 new cases and an estimated 9,500 new deaths due to cancer.

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Take it easy! Eagles show rescheduled

The cancelled Eagles concert has been rescheduled for June 1 at the Pacific Coliseum. Tickets to the show that was cancelled May 14 will be honoured. METRO VANCOUVER

Hep C common in B.C. women with HIV: Study

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HIV-positive women in British Columbia are more likely than those in other provinces to also have hepatitis C or be injection drug users, according to a study released yesterday.

The report, put together by researchers with the Canadian Observational Cohort, found that HIV risk factors for women vary significantly among provinces.

More than 44 per cent of HIV-positive B.C. women were likely to report hepatitis C co-infection, compared to 14 per cent in Ontario and 20 per cent in Quebec. They were also more likely to have a history of injection drug use — at 41 per cent — compared to 10.8 per cent in Ontario and 14 per cent in Quebec.

"Defining the differences in the characteristics of HIV-positive women among provinces is the first step in developing targeted treatment, prevention, access and management programs," said Dr. Mona Loutfy, co-principal investigator.

Robert Hogg, researcher at the B.C. Centre for Excellence in HIV/AIDS, added that the data is key to helping understand how and why Canadian women are being infected with HIV.

United Way **A big shoe to fill**

LAURA PORTER/FOR METRO VANCOUVER

A giant boot used to collect donations for the United Way is seen on the sidewalk as firefighters and students at Vancouver Fire Rescue Youth Outreach Academy take part in a climb-a-thon outside Holt Renfrew at Pacific Centre.

Liberals set up B.C. Rail failure, lawyer charges

TRIAL Gordon Campbell's Liberals intentionally set up the failure of B.C. Rail in order to sell the company to a friend of the premier, a defence lawyer alleged yesterday at a political corruption trial.

Martyn Brown, the premier's chief of staff, agreed under cross-examination that CN Rail executive David McLean was a key fundraiser for Campbell during the 1996 election campaign, but denied the other allegations.

Lawyer Kevin McCullough told Brown that his client, Bobby Virk, would be testifying that the "fix was in" for CN Rail to obtain the assets of B.C. Rail. "I don't believe that's true," Brown replied before a B.C. Supreme Court jury in Vancouver.

The politically charged allegations are unfolding at the trial of Virk and Dave Basi, former government ministerial assistants, charged with breach of trust and fraud.

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News in brief

CHARGES A 23-year-old Coquitlam man has been charged with manslaughter after police said that he intentionally set fire to his mother's house April 19. Blake Salemink, who has a history of mental illness, is also being required to undergo a psychiatric evaluation.

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Burnaby North Secondary has won a hybrid school bus worth $200,000 as part of a prize awarded for an essay submitted to Canada's Greenest School Contest. METRO VANCOUVER

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Robert Heffel, left, and brother David Heffel position the Killer Whale sculpture by Bill Reid in the Heffel Fine Art Auction House in Vancouver yesterday.

Art expected to earn pretty penny

Works of art expected to fetch between $12-$15 million will be on display to the public starting Saturday at a Granville Street auction house ahead of what could be one of the top 10 grossing auctions in Canadian fine art history.

Heffel Fine Art Auction House's collection includes 220 drawings, sculptures and paintings, including works from the Group of Seven. For an estimated $600,000 to $800,000, one lucky bidder will take home Bill Reid's smaller version of the killer whale sculpture that sits outside the Vancouver Aquarium.

The most expensive piece, expected to fetch $1.5-$2.5 million, is a Lawren Harris painting, one of nine being auctioned off.

"We've previewed this auction across the country in Montreal, Toronto and now Vancouver," said Robert Heffel, vice-president of the auction house.

He said about 1,200 people have already previewed the works before coming to Vancouver, where he's received lots of questions and phone calls.

The buyers are "generally high net-worth individuals ... some corporations and Canadian museums," said Heffel.

He said the actual auction — which is being held at the Vancouver Convention Centre West on May 26 — will attract roughly 400 people, with telephone bidders from Canada, United States, Europe and Asia.

"One of the most powerful tools for us is previewing the paintings across the country."

The auction house will be opening its doors for a public preview from Saturday to Wednesday. LAURA FORTEV/ FOR METRO VANCOUVER

News in brief

CHOPPER In the market for a police-seized helicopter — or parts of one, anyway? The province is auctioning off parts of a stripped-down chopper that was seized in the Kootenays after authorities determined it was being used for cross-border drug smuggling. The Bell 206-B Jet Ranger was taken from a rural property near Nelson in late January, said RCMP Sgt. Dennis Blanch. In an attempt to find the owner, authorities notified the public the chopper had been confiscated, but no one came forward. METRO VANCOUVER

COOPS It's safe to count your chickens in Vancouver — in fact, the city insists on it. Vancouver councillors have approved specific regulations covering backyard chicken coops. No more than four birds will be permitted in a coop, and the city will cry foul if the flock includes roosters, ducks, turkeys or pheasants. Coops are also strictly limited in size and placement in the yard. They are also banned from highrise balconies or front yards. Council is expected to enact its hen bylaw on June 8. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Toronto flush with pride over automated public toilet

Toronto's first automated public toilet has been opened by city officials at a waterfront location. After inserting a quarter or a token, a user will have 20 minutes of privacy. Once the person exits, the unit seals itself and begins a cleaning cycle. Twenty toilets will be installed across the city. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Canada to greet Queen

The Queen and Prince Philip will visit five Canadian cities in June and July and be in Ottawa for Canada Day. The Prime Minister's Office says they will also visit Halifax, Toronto, Kitchener-Waterloo, Ont., and Winnipeg during a nine-day tour. It's the Queen's 22nd official tour. Her last visit was in 2005. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quebec boosts abortion furor

POLITICS The Quebec legislature yesterday threw out a dramatic challenge to Ottawa over abortion. Its message: Stop being ambiguous over the abortion issue.

Politicians on both sides of the chamber adopted, by a margin of 109-0, a motion that demands the federal government continue to respect free access to abortion, end its "ambiguity."

The motion also decries cuts in funding to women's groups that favour abortion.

The Harper government has, in fact, repeatedly promised not to introduce abortion legislation.

The issue returned to the forefront with an announcement that, as host of the G8 summit, the Harper government would put maternal health on the agenda but refuse to fund initiatives aimed at making abortions safer.

Yesterday's motion will be transmitted, the provincial politicians say, to the federal House of Commons and Senate.

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Elite cops probing firebombing

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A fire marshal sets up equipment in front of the firebombed Royal Bank branch in Ottawa.

The crack police unit in charge of security at the G20 and G8 summits is keeping a close eye on the firebombing of a bank branch in Ottawa.

The Integrated Security Unit says it is analysing videotape of the explosion.

"Any time this kind of thing happens, there is a need to step back and say 'Is this a one-time (event)?'" said Michele Paradis, an ISU spokesperson.

"It's an isolated incident now, and we hope it stays as an isolated incident."

The ISU is a joint-forces team drawing from the Royal Canadian Mounted Police, the Canadian Forces, and provincial and regional police.

Its goal is to protect the heads of state attending the G20 and G8 summits in Ontario and to keep the host communities safe.

A group identifying itself as FFFC posted a video of the bombing online, with a message criticizing Royal Bank for being "a major sponsor of the 2010 Olympics on stolen indigenous land."

The message goes on to read: "The games in Vancouver are now over, but resistance continues. An RBC branch can be found in every corner of Kanada (sic) ... The G8/G20 'leaders' and bankers are meeting in Huntsville and Toronto to make decisions that will further their policies of exploitation of people and the environment.

"We will be there."

"We hope it stays as an isolated incident."
Michele Paradis

In the short video, two people run out the door as fire explodes throughout the building, shattering the front window.

No one was hurt in the 3:30 a.m. blaze, which caused about $300,000 in damage, reports say.

In Huntsville, meanwhile, the town's fire chief has been reassigned following a possible breach in G8 summit security.

Officials remain tight-lipped about what the supposed breach was or why Steve Hernen, a 25-year veteran, has been put on desk duties.

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Calgarian sees a calm Bangkok

THAILAND Greg Jorgensen's television screen tells one story of the Red Shirt protest in Bangkok, but the Calgarian's view is very different from his apartment window.

Jorgensen has lived in Thailand's capital for nine years and has recently begun bangkokpodcast.com. He and fellow Canadian Tony Joh recently posted the first of their weekly podcasts, discussing first-hand their account of the escalating protest.

"When you've got a multimillion-dollar organization selling news, the tone is always going to be a lot different from a dude sitting behind his computer just telling you what he sees with his own eyes," Jorgensen told Metro via Skype yesterday.

What Jorgensen sees is a city that is "95 per cent" business as usual — aside from select areas of Bangkok that are extremely dangerous.

"This afternoon ... I went for a walk in my neighbourhood and I bought some vegetables and I bought tea from my local tea guy.

"And there was dogs sleeping and kids playing."

KATIE TURNER/
FOR METRO CANADA

Guergis faces her D-Day

Official set to rule by June 8

Embattled former cabinet minister Helena Guergis will find out in three weeks whether the federal ethics watchdog believes her conduct is worthy of a full-scale investigation.

A preliminary examination by Mary Dawson, the federal ethics commissioner, has moved into the second stage, meaning Dawson will decide by June 8 whether to continue with a probe under the conflict of interest code for members of Parliament.

Guergis was elected in Simcoe-Grey riding in Ontario but dumped from the federal cabinet and Tory caucus by Prime Minister Stephen Harper on April 9.

She has complained she is being victimized by Harper without being given any indication of what she did wrong.

The prime minister cited unspecified allegations against Guergis when he removed her from cabinet and referred her conduct for investigation by the RCMP and Dawson.

Since then, Harper has refused to spell out the allegations against Guergis.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mystery **A family's anguish**

TARA WALTON/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Aysel Corbacioglu, 29, and father Yusuf Corbacioglu, yesterday hold a photo of their missing family member Hatice Corbacioglu, 32. Hatice went missing last June after travelling from Toronto to New York City to visit her boyfriend Riza Cosa (in photo). Her car was found abandoned at JFK airport last June. Police are searching for Cosa, after the body of his wife was recently found stuffed in a bag in Long Island.

Anti-doping agency hails MD's charges

CRIME The World Anti-Doping Agency has applauded American authorities after a Toronto sports doctor was charged in the U.S. with the unlawful distribution of human growth hormone.

The federal criminal complaint, filed in Buffalo, N.Y., also charges Anthony Galea with introducing the unapproved drug Actovegin into interstate commerce and conspiracy to defraud the United States.

"While WADA will not comment on an ongoing federal investigation, we commend the United States law enforcement authorities for their actions in investigating the conduct of those who work closely with athletes," said WADA president John Fahey.

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South Korea's president vows "stern action"

Evidence overwhelmingly proves North Korea fired a torpedo that sank a South Korean warship in March, killing 46 sailors, investigators said yesterday. South Korean President Lee Myung-bak vowed "stern action" for the provocation and called an emergency security meeting for today. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Scientists claim to have cloned bull

Scientists in Spain say they have cloned a fighting bull for the first time. Vicente Torrent, a specialist in veterinary genetics, says the newborn calf, named Got, is an exact replica of a muscular, horned specimen of the type matadors face in bullrings. The animal was unveiled yesterday, a day after being born. Torrent says his 17-man team is hopeful Got will exhibit the same fierce traits that made his genetic predecessor, Vasito, such a valuable specimen. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

BP unveils new spill cleanup strategy

SPILL BP said yesterday it hopes to begin shooting a mixture known as drilling mud into the blown-out well in the Gulf of Mexico early next week.

Engineers hope to start the procedure known as a "top-kill" by Sunday. It could take several weeks to complete, but if it works it should stop the oil that's been gushing since the offshore drilling rig Deepwater Horizon exploded off the coast of Louisiana April 20 and sank two days later.

"This is all being done at a depth of 5,000 feet and it's never been done at these depths before," said Doug Suttles of BP PLC, the oil giant that was leasing the rig when it exploded.

The Coast Guard announced yesterday that tar balls washing ashore in the Florida Keys were not from the Gulf spill, but that did little to soothe fears the oil could spread damage along the coast from Louisiana to Florida.

The House Transportation and Infrastructure Committee addressed the spill at a hearing yesterday where leading Republicans including John Mica of Florida sought to pin blame on President Barack Obama's administration. He cited Interior Secretary Ken Salazar's acknowledgment Tuesday that his agency could have more aggressively monitored the offshore drilling industry.

Mica said the administration failed to heed warnings about the need for more regulation and issued "basically a carte blanche recipe for disaster" in approving drilling by the Deepwater Horizon, leased by BP.

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Scientist dumped

- A St. Louis scientist who was among a select group picked by the Obama administration to pursue a solution to the oil spill has been removed from the group because of writings on his website, the U.S. Energy Department confirmed yesterday. Washington University physics professor Jonathan Katz was one of five top scientists chosen by the Department of Energy and attended meetings in Houston last week. His online postings have included defences of homophobia and questioning of racial diversity efforts.

GETTY IMAGES

Red Shirt protesters wept as they were told their protest must end yesterday in Bangkok.

Bangkok burning

Uncertainty reigns as Red Shirts retreat

Buildings blazed across central Bangkok early this morning, torched by rioters after army troops routed anti-government protesters to end a two-month siege — Thailand's deadliest political violence in nearly 20 years.

The government quelled most of the violence in Bangkok but not the underlying political divisions that caused it, and unrest spread to northern parts of Thailand.

Prime Minister Abhisit Vejjajiva imposed a nighttime curfew in the capital and 23 other provinces and said his government would restore calm. Although leaders of the Red Shirt demonstrators surrendered, sporadic clashes between troops and remaining protesters continued well after dark.

Bangkok's skyline was blotted by black smoke from more than two dozen buildings set ablaze — including Thailand's stock exchange, main power company, banks, a movie theatre and one of Asia's largest shopping malls.

At least six people were killed in clashes that followed the army's storming of the protest camp yesterday. Witnesses said another six to eight bodies were in a temple where hundreds of demonstrators, including women and children, had sought sanctuary.

With the top Red Shirt leaders in custody, it was unclear what the next move would be for the protesters who had demanded the ouster of the prime minister's government, the dissolution of parliament and new elections.

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Stay away, Canadians urged

- CBC News Online reports that Canada's Foreign Affairs Ministry is advising Canadians to stay out of Bangkok and avoid all unnecessary travel to Thailand. "We recommend to Canadians not to come to Bangkok at this time and to avoid travel to Thailand unless absolutely essential," said Canada's ambassador to Thailand, Ron Hoffman. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Thousands decry 'lying government'

ROMANIA Some 20,000 public workers gathered yesterday in the nation's capital to protest planned government wage cuts meant to shore up the country's ailing economy.

Public workers, teachers, doctors and retirees blew whistles and yelled "Down with the lying government!" and "You have pawned our future," as they protested outside the government offices in downtown Bucharest.

"Our salaries are very small. They weren't good before but with the cuts, we don't see anything good coming," said Valentina Voinea, 33, a nurse who earns 900 lei ($265) a month. "They have cut the number of jobs and medical care is suffering."

Unions have rejected the government's plan to slash public wages by one-fourth and pensions by 15 per cent. Workers said they feared the government would hike taxes and consumer taxes in the fall.

The government said the measures are necessary to reduce the budget deficit.

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News in brief

FACEBOOK BAN Pakistan's government ordered Internet service providers to block Facebook yesterday amid anger over a page that encourages users to post images of Islam's Prophet Muhammad. By last night, access to the site was sporadic.

DRIVING The U.S. and Russia launched a global safety campaign at UN headquarters yesterday urging drivers everywhere to put down their cellphones and focus on the road. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Entrepreneur, housewife, divorcee: These French Muslim women are against the veil ban.
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Senators call for better inspections
Senate Democrats are calling on President Obama to improve inspections of deepwater oil rigs such as the one that exploded in the Gulf of Mexico. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Death caught on tape?

When police burst into a home in search of a murder suspect, a reality TV crew documented the raid — and may have recorded the death of a seven-year-old girl accidentally killed by an officer.

Aiyana Stanley-Jones's death put a spotlight on the growing number of reality shows that focus on law enforcement.

A number of big-city departments have used shows such as Fox's Cops to attract recruits.

Others have shied away from the up-close attention. And critics have questioned whether police behave differently when cameras are watching.

"I don't see someone doing anything outlandish for the cameras because it's more of a liability for us," Detroit officer Brandon Cole said.

Detroit homicide investigators are featured regularly on A&E's The First 48, which tracks murder investigations during the first two days after a slaying.

"There's a public value in having media see what police do close-up, and it helps police be more accountable."
Richard Cordray, Ohio attorney general

On Sunday, a crew from the show was filming when police raided Aiyana's house in search of a suspect in the killing of a 17-year-old outside a convenience store. Police have said Aiyana was wounded inside the house when an officer was jostled by, or collided with, the girl's grandmother. A family attorney said the shot came from the porch.

Having a reality camera crew along on a police raid contributes to a culture that reduces everything to mere entertainment, said Hal Niedzviecki, author of The Peep Diaries: How We're Learning to Love Watching Ourselves and Our Neighbors.

"Somebody's accidental death, somebody's drug problem, somebody wins the lottery — it's all equally entertaining," he said.

But Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray said "there's a public value in having media see what police do close-up, and it helps police be more accountable."

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No confirmation from A&E

- A spokesman for The First 48 would not say if the raid was recorded, but police confirmed that the crew was present and that they are reviewing footage from that night.

Brazil **Marching for equality**

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A gay activist attends the first National March Against Homophobia in downtown Brasilia yesterday. Protesters demanded the approval of a law targeting crimes based on race, skin colour, religion, gender or sexual orientation.

New violence erupts in Kyrgyzstan

ASIA Several thousand people tried to storm a university in Kyrgyzstan yesterday in a burst of ethnic violence that left at least two people dead and more than 70 wounded, prompting the interim government to call a local state of emergency.

Witnesses in the southern town of Jalal-Abad said thousands of ethnic Kyrgyz advanced on the private university that serves as the centre of the minority Uzbek community. They said gunfire broke out as crowds approached the building encircled by a cordon of special security forces. Kyrgyzstan has been struggling to maintain stability since President Kurmanbek Bakiyev was ousted from power in April.

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News in brief

HOUSTON A polygamist sect leader's daughter, who was a fugitive for nearly 20 years, pleaded not guilty yesterday to charges alleging that she helped orchestrate the shotgun killings of three former sect members and an eight-year-old girl. Jacqueline Tarsa LeBaron entered her plea during a brief arraignment hearing. U.S. Magistrate Judge Nancy Johnson ordered her to be held without bond pending her trial after LeBaron waived her right to a detention hearing.

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Comment

Together, alone: Best of both worlds

Relating

If distance makes the heart grow fonder, could living separately be the key to a successful marriage?

A few years ago, I met an elderly gentleman whose wife had recently passed away. He was moving into his late wife's slightly larger apartment, which was adjacent to his own. He explained that, while they had dearly loved one another, they preferred to have separate living spaces. They opted to live alone, together.

Jay Smith, a Toronto-based writer, also lives separately from her partner.

"We both need a lot of space," she explains. "Part of it is really constitutional, if you can call it that: I am a morning person, whereas Chris is not. I'm early to bed, he stays up late."

Many have raised an eyebrow at the pair's non-traditional living situation, especially since they have children (both kids live with mom).

"Most couples — and I certainly don't fault people for this — subscribe to this notion of romantic love based on possession, constant companionship, and utter codependence," she says.

"We're getting better at recognizing, as a society, other forms of love, like love between two people of the same gender. But even then, that love is supposed to conform to the same mythos: Cohabitation, mutual codependency, a sort of soulmate-ful completion."

Patrick (not his real name) is a single, 30-something professional who hopes to marry someday, but has no desire to cohabitate.

"I enjoy solitude," he says. "It's a powerful, useful 'reset' tool."

But it isn't as though his personal space is off-limits to his future wife.

"She does get a house key, and she's always welcome," he concedes.

"I don't have any designs on an Andy Snitzer-style bachelor pad with frat house staples like PlayStations and Nerf basketball nets all over the place. It's really not about skeletons in the closet, which is probably the first thing a person would think. It's about my identity (and) having my own place to recharge my batteries after a good or bad day."

What it comes down to for couples that choose to live independently of one another is enjoying the best of both worlds.

"What if we look for companions on our own terms, or the terms that work best for a particular couple?" Smith asks. "Well, in my case, some uncomfortable moments on the playground …"

Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

Opening your eyes to various barriers

SpeakingOut

Research shows the "old boy's network" is alive and well and informal networks remain significant barriers to inclusion in the workplace.

Informal networks affect who gets jobs, who gets "face time" with the boss or included in informal activities. And even those of us who think we "get it" could learn a thing or two from a recent study — Lived Workplace Experiences Of Employees Who Are Blind Or Visually Impaired.

Study author Dr. Mala Naraine, a post-doctoral fellow in Ryerson's Centre for Learning Technologies, shared her insight into the problems of social exclusion given that most people rely on visual cues to build friendships and networks in organizations.

It is often assumed that a person who is blind must simply learn alternative techniques to do efficiently the same things that they would do with "normal" vision. Some barriers — access to print, lack of speech output programs, inadequate training, and barriers to transportation, for example — are well understood. But most employers do not fully recognize their duty to accommodate.

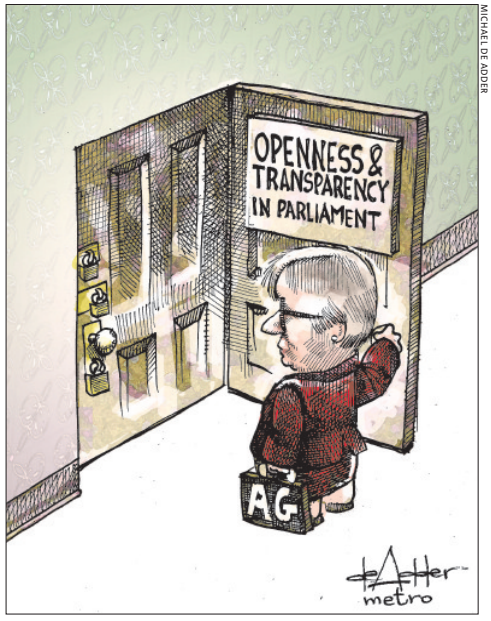
In Naraine's study, the lack of accommodation of social needs was striking as respondents described their experiences of isolation in the workplace. Quite apart from the stereotypes that affect the treatment of blind or visually impaired people, sighted people take much for granted.

A blind or visually impaired person attending a meeting or social event is not instantly oriented to the layout — where is the speaker? Where is the audience? Where is the coffee? They cannot tell if there are five people or 100.

While a sighted person has many daily interactions — walking through a building, smiling, nodding and waving at colleagues, a blind person walking down the same hall may feel completely alone unless they are spoken to. And blind and visually impaired people are less likely to be included in informal social gatherings, whether going for a coffee, lunch or a drink after work.

Naraine's research certainly opened my eyes to a subtle but important barrier to inclusion and how it is possible to feel completely alone in a sea of people.

Wendy Cukier is the associate dean of the Ted Rogers School of Management at Ryerson University, and the founder of Ryerson's Diversity Institute.



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Legislature HST protest

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Fitness and gym workers rallied outside the provincial legislature in Toronto, yesterday to protest the harmonized tax, which will be added to fitness and sports programs, but Ontario Premier Dalton McGuinty won't budge on a tax exemption.

Cineplex plans more 3-D

Cineplex Galaxy plans to roll out bigger screens and enhanced sound at some theatres across the country this year, part of a new premium-priced experience designed to tap into a growing appetite among Canadians to be immersed in 3-D movies and Imax films.

Cineplex Galaxy Income Fund chief executive Ellis Jacob announced yesterday at the company's annual meeting that the movie exhibitor will launch the "UltraAVX audio-visual experience," which promises digital projectors, big screens and high-tech Dolby Digital sound systems.

Jacob described the larger screens as essentially running from one corner of the theatre to the other — and almost floor to ceiling — squeezing nearly every inch out of the space. "It looks like all you're looking at is screen," he said. "It gives you a much better visual impression."

The rollout, which will also include larger seats, starts with two theatres in Toronto and Calgary this summer, while further locations are expected later this year. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Conversion

- By the end of this year, Cineplex aims to convert at 30 per cent of its screens to digital from traditional film projectors and make them 3-D ready.

Market pushed RIM to settle

LEGAL BlackBerry maker Research In Motion likely decided to settle a patent infringement case with a U.S. technology company to avoid losing any market share to competitors Apple and Google, analysts say.

Prism Technologies has reached a settlement and licensing agreement with RIM involving authentication systems on BlackBerrys such as the Curve 8330. Terms of the settlement haven't been disclosed.

The Prism patent involves the security of electronic information.

Analyst Nick Agostino said yesterday that RIM can't afford to take on a legal battle that could impact its market share. The cost of recouping any lost business would likely be greater than the cost of settling, said Agostino, of Toronto-based Mackie Research Capital Corp.

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Recovery may be slowing: Conference Board

ECONOMY Canadian companies have seen their profits soar in recent quarters, but the climb could slow down in the back half of this year, according to the Conference Board of Canada.

The Ottawa-based private-sector forecasts says its industry indicator is showing signs that a strong post-recession recovery is losing some of its momentum.

That could mean that more companies turn out weak profits, or none at all, in the final two quarters of 2010.

The Conference Board said the leading indicator for all industries fell 0.4 per cent in April, the first decline since March 2009.

The drop was caused by a rapid rise in the corporate prime interest rate and weaker seasonal raw materials prices.

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In brief

TRAVEL Canadian travel to the United States and overseas countries rose 3.6 per cent in March from the previous month, while travel to Canada from abroad declined 3.7. Statistics Canada reports Canadian residents took nearly 4.4 million trips outside of the country in March, including 3.7 million trips to the United States — a four per cent rise over February.

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Banking regs strict enough already: Sun Life CEO

AGM The CEO of Sun Life Financial Inc. opposes planned new global bank taxes many countries are considering to crack down on the financial sector after the Wall Street crisis helped spark the recession.

Don Stewart told shareholders at the insurer's annual meeting yesterday that proposed new international financial regulations could unduly punish already well regulated Canadian financial companies.

"It would indeed be ironic if Canada, a country which came through the financial crisis better than most, was to find itself at a disadvantage on account of new international rules originating from outside our country," Stewart said, adding his voice to mounting opposition at home ahead of international economic summits hosted by Canada next month.

Regulators in Europe, the United States and other parts of the world want to tax big banks and impose stricter lending and trading rules to prevent future bank collapses that might trigger another financial crisis.

In a related issue, Stewart said that while Canada's financial institutions remained relatively healthy during the 2008-2009 recession and stock market fall, many Canadians saw a steep drop in the value of their retirement investments, which brought a crisis in Canada's pension system into sharp focus. "If this problem isn't addressed, individuals and families will experience real hardship in future," said Stewart. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Prentice expects high drilling standards

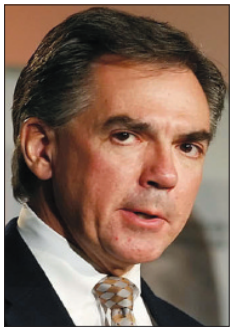
Canada's environment minister says he expects the highest standards to be followed as Greenland explores offshore oil drilling in Arctic waters.

Jim Prentice says he'll make Canada's position very clear to Greenland at a meeting of Arctic countries next month.

Greenland recently accepted bids to drill in Baffin Bay near the mouth of Lancaster Sound, which is close to where Canada hopes to establish a marine conservation area.

The territory hopes to drill along thousands of kilometres of the maritime border it shares with Canada starting this summer.

Prentice says everyone is concerned about the oil spill in the Gulf of Mexico and wants to make sure that any future drilling doesn't put the environment at risk. Critics say Ottawa has no plan for dealing with oil spills in the Arctic, where it would be much more difficult to clean up than in open water. THE CANADIAN PRESS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KFC Meaty meal

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KFC's new Double Down sandwich is enormoulsy popular, it seems. KFC said yesterday, Americans are gobbling down so many Double Downs that the fast-food chain will offer the bunless, meaty sandwich longer than it had planned. No word yet if this will be available in Canada.

Banks eye safety after firebomb

G20 SUMMIT Canada's banks are reviewing their security arrangements for the G20 summit next month after the firebombing of a bank branch in Ottawa.

Financial institutions have been preparing for months for the summit that will close off main streets in the financial core of Toronto at the end of June.

But now that a group of anarchists — who claimed to have firebombed the Ottawa bank — are vowing to take their brand of protest to the summit, the Royal Bank says it has to consider ramping up security.

The Canadian Bankers Association says its members have already developed detailed security plans, working with police and property managers.

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Bombardier wants tender call nixed

SUBWAY Bombardier Transportation and French partner Alstom have asked the Quebec Superior Court to cancel an international tender call by Montreal's transit authority for new subway cars.

The two railway manufacturers asked the court yesterday to stop the city's efforts to seek alternative bids to supply 765 railway cars worth about $3 billion.

Spanish manufacturer CAF has already indicated its intention to submit a bid.

The Societe de transport de Montreal (STM) seemed on track to award the contract to the Bombardier and Alstom consortium, but decided to launch an international tender call after increasing the size of the order from the original 340 cars.

In their application, Bombardier and Alstom claim that the STM must comply with an April 27 letter from Quebec's Municipal Affairs Department which authorizes that the contract be awarded to the consortium. The two companies argue the international tender call violates their legitimate expectations. They say the requirements of the international review in January are less stringent than the tender of 2008. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Forestry workers get the axe

MILL LAYOFFS Another 440 Quebec forestry workers have been laid off as paper and lumber producer Kruger Inc. announced plans yesterday to cut production at two Quebec mills.

The company "came to these decisions due to persistently unfavourable market conditions and the strong Canadian dollar," it said in a news release.

The announcement by privately held Kruger said the company is indefinitely ceasing production of coated and supercalendered paper at its Trois-Rivieres mill in south-central Quebec. "This measure will affect approximately 320 employees," it said.

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Lionsgate plans Asian films

Lionsgate Entertainment Corp. plans to make at least five Asian-language films budgeted at $3 to $5 million each in the next two years in partnership with Singapore's Media Development Authority, the head of the Canadian-American independent studio said yesterday.

The movies will help support the two TV channels recently launched in Asia by Lionsgate unit Tiger Gate Entertainment — the horror channel Thrill and the action-themed Kix, Lionsgate chief executive Jon Feltheimer told reporters in Hong Kong.

"If you look at what Asia exports to the rest of the world, it's action content and it's horror film content," Tiger Gate Entertainment co-founder Paul Presburger said.

The other co-founder, William Pfeiffer, said the company is currently evaluating more than a dozen possible movie projects from Japan, South Korea, China and Singapore.

Lionsgate's recent English-language releases include Precious, Rambo, The Forbidden Kingdom and the hit TV series Mad Men. Tiger Gate Entertainment is partnership between Lionsgate and media mogul Haim Saban's Saban Capital Group. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oilsands top agenda for Norway's Statoil

ENVIRONMENT Statoil's investment in Alberta's oilsands is dominating the conversation at the Norwegian energy company's annual general meeting.

Representatives from aboriginal groups in northeastern Alberta travelled to Norway to tell Statoil shareholders about how the development of that resource has been harming their health and environment.

Other shareholders say they're worried about how Statoil's involvement in the oilsands is affecting the reputation of Norway, which is a major shareholder in the company. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Oil prices **Still worth more than water**

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An unidentified oil worker drinks water yesterday, in the Persian Gulf desert oil field of Sakhir, Bahrain. Oil prices fell to near $68 a barrel yesterday, plunging more than 20 per cent on concerns that European debt will hurt economic growth and oil demand.

Symantec to buy part of Verisign

TECHNOLOGY Symantec Corp. is paying US$1.28 billion in cash to buy a division of VeriSign Inc. that sells security technology to websites.

The deal, announced yesterday, represents VeriSign's most aggressive move yet to slim down and concentrate on its core business: Managing traffic to websites with addresses ending in ".com" and ".net," and collecting fees for registering those domain names.

VeriSign has been purging divisions for the past three years, after realizing it was spread too thin following a buying binge designed to insulate it from the kinds of problems it had after the dot-com collapse a decade ago.

Prior to yesterday's deal with Symantec, VeriSign had sold more than a dozen businesses since 2007 for a total of nearly $1 billion.

What Symantec gets out of the deal is one of the web's best-known brand names for security.

VeriSign's logo — a check mark and the tag "VeriSign Secured" — is ubiquitous on websites that have bought its security technology. The VeriSign division that Symantec is buying sells "certificates" to websites that want protection for their customers' data. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Nexen sells heavy oil properties

DEAL Nexen Inc. says it has signed a deal to sell its heavy oil properties in Western Canada to a privately held company.

Nexen says it has agreed to sell the properties to Northern Blizzard Resources Inc. for approximately $975 million.

The properties had 39 million barrel of oil equivalents in proved reserves at the end of last year.

The sale is expected to close on June 30, subject to customary closing conditions. Northern Blizzard is a private company based in Calgary. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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SUMMER KICK OFF SALE

Nets won't keep GM

New Jersey Nets owner Mikhail Prokhorov says general manager Kiki Vandeweghe will be let go when his contract expires this summer. "I wish him well," Prokhorov said yesterday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Ramirez back in the lineup

Hanley Ramirez, left, was back in the Florida Marlins' lineup yesterday after a pre-game talk with manager Fredi Gonzalez to clear the air. The reigning NL batting champion was benched Tuesday after taking shots at his manager and teammates a day after getting yanked from a game for not hustling. Gonzalez and Ramirez chatted for five or 10 minutes in the manager's office. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Whitecaps draw TFC, stay alive

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TORONTO VS WHITECAPS

SOCCER The underdog Vancouver Whitecaps kept their Canadian Nutrilite soccer championship hopes alive as they fought Toronto FC to a 0-0 draw last night.

A loss would have eliminated the Whitecaps and given the crown to Toronto for the second straight year.

The Whitecaps improved to 0-0-2 and retained their chances of advancing to the next stage of North and Central American and Caribbean zone qualifying for the FIFA club World Cup. Toronto dropped to 2-0-1 but remained in first place in the competition.

The Whitecaps must win their next two games in the series, May 26 in Montreal and June 2 in Toronto. The Montreal Impact have already been eliminated.

Toronto plays in the MLS, North American soccer's top pro league. The Whitecaps are toiling in the fledgling United States Soccer Federation Division-2 Professional League this season before entering the MLS in 2011, when they will play in a renovated B.C. Place Stadium that features a new retractable roof.

Toronto or Vancouver will play Montagua of Honduras in the next stage of qualifying, the Champions League, in July.

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Habs look to regroup

Team dissects what went wrong in two scoreless games

The Montreal Canadiens have beat the odds before, and they have every intention of doing it again.

The Canadiens held a team meeting yesterday for more than 45 minutes to pick apart why they weren't able to score a single goal in losing the first two games of the Eastern Conference final to the Philadelphia Flyers.

As they prepared for tonight's Game 3, most of the hockey world had already written them off. But that's nothing new for the Canadiens this post-season.

"We know it's not going to be easy, we know it's a difficult task, but I have great confidence in the character and the determination of our players," Canadiens coach Jacques Martin said. "A lot of people in here, after Game 4 against Washington, weren't too optimistic. This group proved them wrong. This is another time where we're challenged, and that's when you see the best of people."

The Canadiens were down 3-1 against the Capitals in the first round only to come back to win the next three games. They also fell behind 3-2 against the Pittsburgh Penguins in the conference semifinal and closed out the series with two straight wins.

While they aren't facing elimination tonight, a 3-0 series deficit might be too much for the resilient Canadiens to overcome.

But the main message at yesterday's team meeting was to put aside any thought of trying to win the series individually, and instead focus on the strong team game that brought the Canadiens to this point.

"The thinking is when your backs are up against the wall that you have to do more, but sometimes less is more," winger Brian Gionta said. "You'd rather just trust in the system and work hard in the system and not deviate from that team game. Not try to take it all on your shoulders. I think that's what (Martin) was trying to guard against."

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Montreal Canadiens head coach Jacques Martin listens during a news conference yesterday in Brossard, Que. The Canadiens will host the Philadelphia Flyers in Game 3 tonight.

Markov won't be back

- There's no chance defenceman Andrei Markov will be back in the Montreal Canadiens' lineup this post-season.
- He will need six months of recovery time after undergoing surgery to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his right knee, the NHL team said yesterday.

Sports in brief

NBA Pau Gasol scored 14 of his 29 points in the fourth quarter, Kobe Bryant had 21 points and 13 assists, and the Los Angeles Lakers roared away in the final minutes for a 124-112 victory over the Phoenix Suns last night to claim a 2-0 lead in the Western Conference finals.

MEMORIAL CUP Jimmy Bubnick jumped over a player who could be selected first overall in next month's NHL draft to become the leading scorer at the MasterCard Memorial Cup, collecting four points to lift the Calgary Hitmen to a 5-1 win over the Brandon Wheat Kings in the final round-robin game.

BLUE JAYS Brett Cecil pitched into the seventh inning and Kevin Gregg hung on for the save last night as the Toronto Blue Jays beat Seattle 3-2, sending the Mariners to their fifth straight loss.

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Hockey Canada defends Crosby from IIHF criticism

HOCKEY Hockey Canada has come out in defence of Sidney Crosby after the International Ice Hockey Federation included him in a swipe at players who declined invitations to attend the world hockey championship.

The IIHF posted a story titled Saying No To Your Country on its website yesterday, claiming that players who chose not to participate were turning "their backs not only on the team and its fans but also to the system which developed them and made them rich and famous." The story, written by IIHF communications director Szymon Szemberg, names Crosby, Henrik Zetterberg and Nicklas Backstrom, among others.

"Why is a 22-year-old Sidney Crosby tired when a 34-year-old Ryan Smyth is answering the bell for his country despite having represented Canada at the worlds already on eight occasions?" Szemberg wrote. Scott Salmond, the men's national team director for Hockey Canada, called the story "inappropriate."

"Sidney Crosby's the guy they singled out — he's played in two finals (in 2008 and 2009), he's played in the second round of the playoffs (this year), he's played in the Olympics for us," said Salmond. "I don't think it's fair to single him out. We respect where he is and we respect what he's done for us and I think what he'll do for us in the future." THE CANADIAN PRESS

SCOREBOARD

BASEBALL

YESTERDAY'S AL RESULTS

Toronto 3 Seattle 2
Kansas City 8 Cleveland 4
Boston 3 Minnesota 2
L.A. Angels 3 Chicago White Sox 2
Tampa Bay 10 N.Y. Yankees 6
Texas 4 Baltimore 3
Detroit 5 Oakland 1

YESTERDAY'S NL RESULTS

Chicago Cubs 4 Philadelphia 1
Washington 5 N.Y. Mets 3
Atlanta 5 Cincinnati 4
Pittsburgh 6 Milwaukee 4
Houston 7 Colorado 3
Florida 5 St. Louis 1
Arizona 13 San Francisco 1
San Diego at L.A. Dodgers

NHL PLAYOFFS

TODAY'S GAME

Philadelphia at Montreal, 4 p.m.

TOMORROW'S GAME

San Jose at Chicago, 5 p.m.

PLAYOFF SCORING LEADERS

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Toews, Chi	7	16	23
Crosby, Pgh	6	13	19
Cammalleri, Mtl	12	6	18
Briere, Pha	9	9	18
Kane, Chi	7	11	18
Franzen, Det	6	12	18

NBA PLAYOFFS

YESTERDAY'S RESULTS

L.A. Lakers 124 Phoenix 112 (Lakers lead series 2-0)

HOCKEY

WORLD HOCKEY CHAMPIONSHIP TODAY'S GAMES

Finland vs. Czech Republic, 7:15 a.m.
Sweden vs. Denmark, 7:15 a.m.
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Urban Dwellings

It's a patio **party!**

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for Metro Canada

Gone (thankfully) are the days of cheap plastic chairs scattered across the patio.

Today's deck spaces have taken on the look of the living room, as stylish comfort moves to the outdoors, with soft, water-resistant sofas, cushy and cute pillows, and attractive lighting.

"A great patio (set-up) would be comfortable seating mixed in with really nice greenery to kind of give the patio a zen feeling," says Alan Wilson, owner of modern furniture store Industrial Revolution, on Granville Street in Vancouver.

Wilson says a mixture of different seating types — bar-height or low beanbag chairs — is ideal. Bar-height seating is especially great for unhindered views of the ocean or mountains dotting the Vancouver skyline.

The retro-chic Beanbag Chair has been re-imagined for fun in the sun. Generously sized yet lightweight with a water-resistant poly shell. West Elm, $229., westelm.com.

The Cococabana patio bar is the perfect addition to any outdoor party. Made from Indonesian teak, it easily folds and wheels away for convenient storage. Industrial Revolution, $1, 500, matching stools $289, industrialrevolution.net.

The St. Tropez patio chair is compact and folds for easy storage. The frame is made of teak and the seat/back is made of highly durable and maintenance-free textilene, which is UV and weather treated. Industrial Revolution, $699, industrialrevolution.net.

Let there be light and food — this stunning Steel Fireplace with cooking grid just might steal the focus off the party's host. Wal-Mart, $148, walmart.ca.

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Could your attic use a little love?

HomeScape

What's your attic doing these days? If yours is just sitting up there doing nothing, take a moment to imagine all that potential living space just waiting for you.

A finished attic bedroom, in particular, adds value to your home. It's like a private and spacious suite, removed from the rest of the household. Who wouldn't like that?

And if you spend moderately, at around $10,000 to $15,000, you could get back up to 90 per cent of what you spent if you sell, according to information published at the Do-It-Yourself website (doityourself.com).

The problem with an attic room is that spending moderately may be difficult, depending on the conditions in your attic.

If you've fortunate enough to have an attic that is high enough and spacious enough, is structurally sound, and hopefully, has a set of serviceable stairs, you're well on your way. If not, you're looking at extra costs, which may make the project less palatable.

If your conditions are good, you'll only be paying for the basics such as adding insulation (and this is critical in a space notorious for being too hot in the summer), framing and installing a ceiling and walls, perhaps building or improving stairs, improving windows on the vertical walls, adding wiring, plumbing and flooring.

First of all, note that if you have V-shaped support posts (called trusses) from the floor joist to the rafters, you may have to look elsewhere in your house for extra space. Trusses block useful space in an attic, and cannot be easily removed without compromising the structural integrity of the house.

What you're looking for in the attic are strong, frequently-spaced rafters extending all the way up to the peak without interruption. Sagging and water staining probably means you will need to do repair work to fix any weakened wood, and fix the source of the leak.

If you've don't have enough head room, you can still renovate your attic, but the cost will reflect the major structural work of raising the roof or part of it, or building a window tower, or adding dormers a window that projects vertically from a sloping roof. (The cost of this work will vary enormously, depending on the specific conditions at your house. Get advice and quotes from several reputable contractors.)

Dormers also have another great advantage in that they allow natural light, a real plus in a space that does not usually contain a lot of windows. Skylights are another way to introduce natural light.

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A livable attic can add some value to your home. If you've not been up to yours in a long time, perhaps now is a time to check it out.

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New Joe Fresh opening

Joe Fresh is due to open its first free-standing store in downtown Vancouver in late September, reports The Vancouver Sun. The 14,000- square-foot store will be situated just north on Granville, across the street from Holt Renfrew. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Style

Swarovski in Carrie's closet

Swarovski has added a little sparkle to the latest instalment of Sex and the City with two stunning evening purses. In the film, the Kiosque, $825, (pictured left) and Power bag, $950, (far right) are seen in character Carrie's (played by actor Sarah Jessica Parker) closet and around her room. The bags are available for purchase at Swarovski boutiques across Canada and on swarovski.com. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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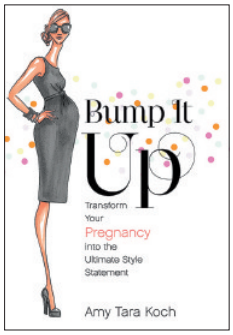
Key items for double-duty maternity wear

BOOK Much is made of the non-maternity clothes an expectant mother can wear during pregnancy — the wrap dresses, the leggings, the boxy shift dress-turned-tunic top — but some maternity clothes also do double duty once the baby is born, especially in the period not always affectionately dubbed "the fourth trimester."

"For the four months after the baby, most women are in their fourth trimester. It's camouflage-clothes redux," says Amy Tara Koch, author of the new book Bump It Up, published by Ballantine Books. "You don't want to look fat, but you don't have the bump to hide behind."

The loose, long cardigan is a must. "The beauty of a draped cardigan — look for one without buttons — is it hangs down off you," says Paula Motte, senior editor at BabyCenter.com. "It is the wardrobe essential that takes you through pregnancy and beyond. You look for one with drape-y, forgiving fabric in a cotton-stretch blend, and you wear it over everything."



New book Bump It Up by Tara Koch offers tips on investing in non-maternity clothes that will go the distance.

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Field *of* fashion

Famed SATC costume designer ignores trends

TINA CHADHA
Metro World News

Patricia Field, the woman who put Carrie Bradshaw in Manolo Blahniks, tells us about her style inspiration for Sex and The City 2 and why even her most fashionable leading lady, like the rest of us, needs to hang out in a plaid shirt.

Sex and the City 2 costume designer Patricia Field, right, stayed true to her trademark style of mixing high- and low-end brands in the film.

Q Sex and the City is a very fashion-driven film, how mindful were you of trends when creating the wardrobe for the second movie?

A I'm not mindful of trends. I kind of run away from that because what's going to be there next season is not going to be there the season after. And movies last a long time. If you look at Breakfast at Tiffany's today, it looks absolutely gorgeous. You don't say it looks out of style.

Q What was the single most influential factor in the way you dressed Carrie, Samantha, Charlotte and Miranda for this film?

A If you find your hook in the script, you go with it. In the first movie it was that five years has passed since the TV show. I had to fill in the space of that time, and arrive at the present. They're the same people, but you know, things do change slightly. So it was in that way that I wanted to focus. I just imagined how each one was. For example, Carrie continued writing professionally. Her look was so influenced by her profession. She was a thinker, she was always analyzing everything. I thought, the funky part of Carrie would still be there, but the edges would be a bit smoother so to speak. The second movie was driven by a complete different set of circumstances. The main thing is they get invited to the Middle East by a sheik for a 10 star vacation. So this was my motivation. The anticipation of a trip that they never even could imagine.

Q Do you think the girls still reflect the way women dress?

A I don't know if they ever did. I think maybe they set the bar or the aspiration level. I hear from people that Sex and the City changed the way women dressed. (When dressing the characters) I reflect the way I think NYC women dress; it comes from inside of me. It's based on a little bit of fantasy, the history of glamour and my mindset throughout my life.

Q I read somewhere that you mixed high and low fashion brands for this film.

A I always mix high and low, it's my style. It gives you a wider variety, a bigger palette. Why stay with one designer? Why stay with only designers? You can have it all. I mix in H&M, Topshop — Zara is a big one that I use. (For SATC2), I used a lot of vintage. I was yearning for chic simplicity after all the past years of post '50s and '60s geometric, crazy shapes. Carrie wore a plaid blue shirt in the movie. And it was like, 'Oh you're just hanging around. Lets put you in an old plaid shirt and jeans.' I mean you can't get dressed up every five minutes. Let's give it a breather for one scene.

Q Is it true that the wardrobe cost $10 million dollars?

A I just read $4 million. I don't know how much it was, but I think it was more around $1 million. Usually I know because budget is extremely important, but it seemed like with this movie there was no stopping. The whole mood was like, 'What do you need? Get it.' And after a while I was like, 'They have an unlimited budget I'm not going to worry about this anymore.'

Actor Sarah Jessica Parker wears a floor-length crimson Halston dress in the new Sex and the City 2 movie.

Travolta, Preston expecting a new baby
John Travolta and Kelly Preston have been waiting for good news for some time, and they finally have it. After losing their son, Jett, last year and two family dogs earlier this week, the couple have announced that 47-year-old Preston is pregnant. METRO WORLD NEWS

Entertainment

Tasty animals
British tabloid The Sun is thrilled to reveal Nicolas Cage only eats animals whose sex lives he can respect. "I actually choose the way I eat according to the way animals have sex," Cage said. POPEATER.COM

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LCD Soundsystem checks out

LCD **Soundsystem**

Album: This Is Happening
Label: DFA/EMI
Rating: ●●●●●

JAMES MURPHY'S LESSON in musical fusion has always been as recreational as it's been educational. For the third LCD Soundsystem LP, he boldly named it This Is Happening, perhaps to prepare us for his supposed exodus. New ground hasn't necessarily been broken, but Murphy's post-punk/Krautrock symphonies are given added relevance by his increasingly self-reflective musings. Alluding to the "well running dry" and using up his "desire for discovery," if this is his last album at least he celebrates it with an exclamation point like Pow Pow. Reiterating a wish to head home, he leaves us with an impeccable three-album arch to rival the heroes he's mirrored over the last eight years.

Cam Lindsay/for Metro Canada

The **Sadies**

Album: Darker Circles
Label: Outside
Rating: ●●●●

OPENING A SADIES CD has always been like crawling into a dark hollow in Appalachia and waiting for the LSD to take effect. Sometimes the results could be fairly spooky. Fortunately, the Sadies have shaved most of the trip bumps off their latest, possibly finest, offering. There remains a low dose of psychedelia in a space cowboy sort of way. There's even some surf guitar and spaghetti-western sound effects. For the most part, however, Darker Circles finds its roots in the pre-acid days of folk-rock. Jangly guitars and sweet harmonies. Dark, but not scary. It's what the Sadies do best.

Graham Rockingham/for Metro Canada

Album**Reviews**

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The Black **Keys**

Album: Brothers
Label: Nonsuch/Warner
Rating: ●●●●

IS IT JUST me or do the Black Keys get better with every album?

This Is Happening is the third — and likely the last — album from LCD Soundsystem.

Their latest is a tight blues rock record that feels like a cross between the White Stripes and Spoon. Danger Mouse is at the producing helm once again, and his influence is noticeable — the infectious groove on opener Everlasting Light has his trademark, Crazy-like sound. But this is really about Dan Auerbach and Patrick Carney's strong songwriting. They do away with some of the more psychedelic sounds of their last disc and focus on succinct, measured tracks. There's nothing over the top and the subtle riffs and soulful keyboard flourishes on Tighten Up are remarkable.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Crystal **Castles**

Album: Crystal Castles
Label: Last Gang
Rating: ●●

THIS MAY BE a debatable point in some of the outer circles of "art," but it's usually not a good idea to record music that is painful to the ears. Which brings us to the opening track of the new CD by this Toronto electro-experimental band. It's called Fainting Spells. Epileptic Seizures would have been more appropriate. It's not only annoying, it's ... well ... painful. Then there's track 3, Doe Deer. Whatever it is, it should have been put out of its misery. It's a shame, because this CD also contains some wonderfully sublime stuff.

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500	500	33	CNN	Anderson Cooper 360 "Black or White: Kids on Race" (N)				Larry King Live		Anderson Cooper 360 (CC)		Cooper 360

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407	419	22	RSP	Hockey		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Poker Challenge		Sportsnet Connected (Live)		Sportsnet
400	400	30	TSN	NBA Basketball		SportsCentre (Live) (CC)		Boxing Berto vs. Quintana & Caballero vs. Yordan.				SportsCentre
411	457	43	OLN	Ghost Hunters (CC)		Destination Truth (CC)		Operate-Repo	Operate-Repo	Ghost Hunters (CC)		Ghost Hunters
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416	409	144	GLF	MLS Soccer		Foot Brazil	Toronto-Today	Gol TV News	Bundesliga	Toronto FC	Spanish Primera Soccer	

family

552	543	25	YTV	That's-Weird	Family Biz	Ruby/Rockits	Hates Chris	Simple Rules	Family Biz	To Be Indie	Family Biz	Prank Patrol
555	545	29	TEL	Spliced (N)	Total Drama	Stoked (N)	Cartoon Gene	Futurama	King of Hill	Futurama: Bender's Game (2008) Katey Sagal		
557	541	31	FAM	Sonny-Chance	Suite Life	Overruled!	Han. Montana	Wizards-Place	Latest Buzz	Ned's School	Cory in House	That's-Raven
553	546	35	TRE	Little Bear	Toopy	Max & Ruby	Dragon	Backyard	Ni Hao	Go, Diego, Go!	Franklin	Comfy Couch

cable variety

268	354	5	KNO	Frontiers of Construction		Going to More Extremes		Get Up Stand Up (CC)		Shelby Lee Adams		Beautiful
575	583	20	CMT	Home Imp.	Home Imp.	UnStable	UnStable	Amer. Funniest Home Videos		Reba (CC)	Reba (CC)	According-Jim
570	580	24	MM	Video on Trial	Video on Trial	UR11		Muchmusic Countdown (CC)			Video on Trial	MuchMeg
600	564	28	H&G	House	House	Holmes Inspection (CC)		House-Bryan	Real Renos	Holmes on Homes (CC)		House
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521	560	44	TLC	Heavy Haulers (N) (CC)		The Imploders (CC)		Heavy Haulers (CC)		Police Women of Broward		Hot Rod
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601	562	41	SLC	X-Weighted "Amy" (CC)		ET Canada	What	Housewives/OC		Housewives/NYC		Runway
520	505	42	DIS	MythBusters (CC)		Daily Planet (CC)		Drain the Ocean (CC)				MythBusters
522	506	44	HIS	Ice Road Truckers		Ice Pilots NWT (CC)		Ax Men "Loggers Under Fire"		Ancient Discoveries (CC)		Re-Inventors
627	528	45	SPC	Lost "What They Died For"		InnerSpace	Stargate SG-1 "Affinity"			Star Trek: Next Gener.	Star Trek: Voyager (CC)	
294	650	47	TBS	Family Guy	Family Guy	Lopez Tonight		Name Is Earl	Name Is Earl	Sex and-City	Sex and-City	Lopez Tonight
619	525	48	TROP	Reality	What	Family Guy	Family Guy	Seinfeld	Seinfeld	'70s Show	King	Comeback
603	561	52	FN	Ace of Cakes	Ace of Cakes	Bitchin	Brian Boitano	Diner, Drive-In	Unwrapped	Ultimate Recipe Showdown		Ace of Cakes
-	-	53	AMC	Untouchables	Silverado ★★★ (1985) Kevin Kline. Old West drifters shoot it out with sheriff, clan. (CC)						Silver Streak ★★★ (1976)	
626	547	57	COM	Air Farce	22 Minutes	Corner Gas	Name Is Earl	The Simpsons	South Park	Martin	Sarah	Daily Show
320	621	60	CEN	(6:05) The Stone Angel ★★		The Narrows (2008) Kevin Zegers. Premiere.		(:45) Tropic Thunder ★★★ (2008, Comedy) Ben Stiller. (CC)				
581	566	101	MTV	Ult. Parkour	Ult. Parkour	MTV Live	Movie Night	Ultimate Parkour Challenge		Ult. Parkour	Ult. Parkour	MTV Live
261	394	102	V	(6:00) Of Mice and Men ★★★ (1992) (CC)			Recreat. Eden	Larger Than Life ★★ (1996, Comedy) Bill Murray. (CC)				Paid Program
-	-	103	MUL	Wang Gui	Immortal	Vancouver	Raja Haris	Dheeyan Ghar	Sadabahar	Connections	Desi Rhythms	Patrol World

critics'corner

Grey's Anatomy
Mandy Moore guest stars in the two-hour season finale, as the hospital is hit with an unprecedented crisis, and Meredith and Cristina's (Ellen Pompeo, Sandra Oh) surgical skills are put to the test. Also, sex happens somewhere, we're pretty sure. Patrick Dempsey, Justin Chambers and Chandra Wilson also star in "Sanctuary; Death and All His Friends." 9 PM on CTV ABC

Smallville
Comics fanboy alert! A man who wants to ask Chloe (Allison Mack) and her team of superheroes — including Hawkman, Star Girl and Dr. Fate (Michael Shanks, Britt Irvin, Brent Stait) — for help is killed by Icicle (guest star Wesley Macinnes) before he can explain who he is. Clark's (Tom Welling) investigation takes him to the former headquarters of the Justice Society of America. Justin Hartley and Erica Durance also star in "Absolute Justice." 8 PM on JOY TLA CW

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Standing up to cancer

TV fundraiser aims to top $100M raised in 2008

Stand Up To Cancer, a 2008 multichannel TV fundraiser that helped deliver more than $100 million for research, is returning in September.

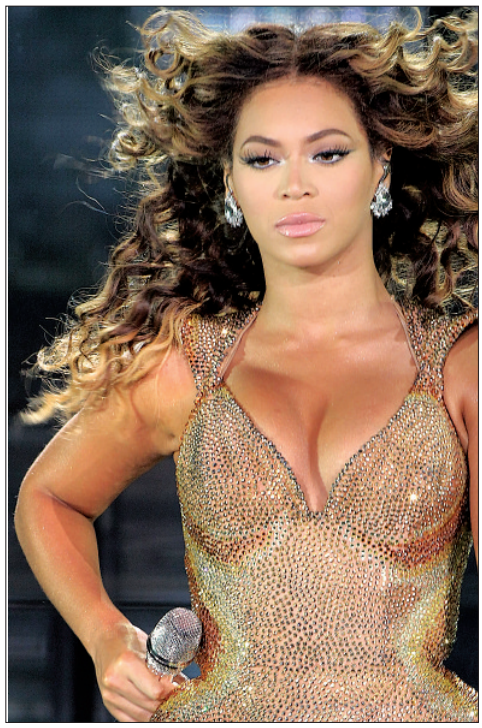
Leading the charge again is film and TV producer Laura Ziskin, who is executive producer of the show and is undergoing treatment for the disease.

The hourlong Stand Up To Cancer, to be simulcast commercial-free by ABC, CBS and NBC and cable networks and hosted by network news anchors Brian Williams, Katie Couric and Diane Sawyer, will air the Friday after Labour Day, Sept. 10.

The broadcast will address cancer's toll but, Ziskin said, will combine that with entertainment to demonstrate "we're not grim, we're very hopeful. The main thing we want to show is there's progress."

As with the first simulcast, this year's edition will feature movie, TV and sports stars and musical performers. Lance Armstrong, Meryl Streep and Beyonce were among those who took part last year, and Ziskin is working on a similarly starry lineup.

"I literally call up people I know and say, 'I'm just trying to cure cancer.' I'm shameless in the pursuit of that goal. But this is really important," said Ziskin, who has metastatic breast cancer.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Beyonce, among others, performed at last year's event. The list of participants for this year's show has yet to be announced.

The new telecast will detail how the money collected in 2008 has been distributed, she said.

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Bieber tries to be normal kid

When you're a 16-year-old pop star who jets around the world, hangs out at the White House, gets chased by hysterical girls on the regular — and maintains the most perfectly coifed hair in the universe — it's hard to be a typical kid.

Still, Justin Bieber tries.

During a recent interview, he talked about setting up time to spend with a friend. Except unlike other kids bumming around town, Justin will be flying out his buddy to spend the weekend in a plush hotel, and will hang with him only after he's done with the myriad of responsibilities that befall the hottest entertainer on the planet.

"I try to spend as much time with my friends and just be a regular kid as I can on top of work," says Justin.

Of course, being a regular kid when you are arguably the most popular commodity in entertainment is a near impossible task. It seems as if the world has been engulfed in Bieber-mania: The YouTube phenom-turned-superstar has graced the cover People, had appearances on Oprah Winfrey, Saturday Night Live and Ellen, been a guest at the White House and sold more than a million copies of his debut album, My World 2.0.

Justin Bieber

He poses for photos with Kim Kardashian and starts a frenzy on Twitter. ("Seriously Biebs," she posted, "I'm getting death threats from your fans.") He's friends with the Jonas Brothers and Jaden Smith and counts Usher as his professional mentor.

It's hardly kid stuff. But you won't hear much complaints about it from Justin.

"People ask me, 'Do you wish having a regular life?' And I'm like, 'You know, not really.' ... Just regular people, they're like, 'Maybe I want to be famous,"' reasons Justin. "They want to be famous, sometimes I want to be just regular, just hanging out or whatever. There's ups and downs to everything."

His 28-year-old manager, Scooter Braun, used YouTube to build Bieber's fan base for months after singing him.

"We gave it to them through the mediums they knew were real," he continues. "That's why these kids feel an ownership in him."

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Anniversary celebration
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Urban Foodie

The spot prawn season returns

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The annual spot prawn season is now in full swing, with at least another four weeks of availability.

For those of you wondering what all the fuss is about, here's a little recap on what makes this little crustacean such a big deal, and some suggestions for spot-on dining.

SUSTAINABILITY

The spot prawn is one of seven species of cold-water shrimp available on the West Coast. Cold-water shrimp are fast-growing, with high reproductive capacity, making them less vulnerable to depletion through fishing. They are also caught using baited traps on long lines, so the by-catch is low (meaning no dolphins in your bisque).

TASTE

Spot prawns are on the large size, with a firm, sweet flesh that takes kindly to all manner of preparation, from ceviche to grilled, boiled and bisque'd. They require very little in the way of washing or prepping, and the heads are as tasty as the tails.

If you're wondering how to prepare these at home, pick up your fresh spot prawns from Fisherman's Wharf on Granville Island or at your local fishmonger's on the same day you want to eat them. If they are very fresh, they will keep in the fridge for a day or two, but the sooner you eat them, the tastier they'll be. Give them a solid rinse, and then decide on whether to boil, barbecue or fry. With the good weather coming, this could be the perfect outdoor grill item, especially if you save the heads for deep-frying later (thanks to my friend Ryan for that tip). They cook incredibly fast, so keep your eye on them — a few seconds on a grill and off they go.

ANYA LEVYKH/FOR METRO VANCOUVER
Spot prawn ceviche at Coast Restaurant.

Here are a few suggestions for spot prawn dining:

Refuel Restaurant
Sit at the bar on any Saturday in May (reservations required) for the $65 three-course spot prawn boil. Includes watercress and potato salad, a large boil of spot prawns, housemade chorizo, clams and spring vegetables served directly on the bar over newspaper, and dessert.
1944 West 4 Ave.
604-288-7905
refuelrestaurant.com

Le Gavroche
A $35 three-course spot prawn and lobster menu lets you choose from seared spot prawns with mango piri-piri sauce, lobster bisque, lobster Thermidor, fresh spot prawns with cavaletti and lobster, and more.
1616 Alberni St.
604-685-3924
legavroche.ca

Coast Restaurant
Three courses for $49 or order a la carte items like spot prawn ceviche in citrus vinaigrette ($14), a half-pound of peel-and-eat spot prawns ($16), fresh B.C. lingcod with spot prawn tempura ($32) or grilled Queen Charlotte Island halibut with spot prawn risotto ($38).
1054 Alberni St.
604-685-5010
coastrestaurant.ca

Maenam
Three courses for $65 or order à la carte items like spot prawn satay with turmeric, coconut cream and cucumber relish ($15), hot and sour spot prawn soup with lemongrass, galangal, and chilli jam ($14 for two people), or ceviche with fresh coriander, mint and nahm jim sauce.
1938 West 4 Ave.
604-730-5579
maenam.ca

C Restaurant
The grand spot prawn tasting menu is $79 for a five-course menu and includes spot prawn sunomono, spot prawn bisque, spot prawn risotto with tomato consommé and sweet peas, and lamb shank with spot prawn.
2-1600 Howe St.
604-681-1164
crestaurant.com

On the web

- Chew more on Anya's blog at metronews.ca/vancouver/blog/136310.
- Read the full article online at metronews.ca/vancouver/columnist/40411.

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for a recipe of Beet 'Noodle' Salad.

New releases

It's fresh and light, with candied fruit flavours and a seemingly inexhaustible supply of tiny bubbles. Villa Teresa Rose Veneto is an organic bubbly that is light enough to enjoy on its own on these endless summer eves, or pair with light, chilled seafood, or alternately, snacks like roasted soy beans. BCLS $15.99.

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Crying over spilled milk

Kim Kardashian cried over her breasts when she started puberty. She said: "I was the first girl in my class to wear a bra. I remember crying in the bathtub. All my friends were super-skinny," she told Shape magazine. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Bronx was bonked in a bumper bender

AT LEAST HIS RIDICULOUS NAME REMAINS INTACT Pete Wentz and Ashlee Simpson-Wentz's son was in a car accident Tuesday, female-first.co.uk reports.

Bronx was in the vehicle with his nanny when the incident took place in Los Angeles' Coldwater Canyon, but was luckily not injured.

The couple's representative said: "It was a minor fender-bender, and everyone is fine."

It is still unknown what caused the accident, but the Lexus SUV the nanny was driving was left damaged on the front left side. Several hours after the accident, 31-year-old Wentz posted a message to his fans on his Twitter page thanking them for their tweets of support.

He wrote: "Thanks you guys for your concern. No one was hurt in the car accident and bx is currently back to building forts and hiding dads cell phone."

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Theron ain't a fan

OBVIOUSLY THE LADY HAS NO TASTE Charlize Theron might not be the biggest Robert Downey Jr. fan.

The actress was spotted attending a late-night screening of Iron Man 2 in Hollywood recently with a male friend. And while they sat in the back of the balcony, sources still noticed them slip out well before the movie was over, according to People magazine.

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Follow these celebrities on Twitter...

CelebTweets

KYLIE MINOGUE isn't looking to change careers just now, **OMAR EPPS** is making drink recommendations, and **MICHAEL IAN BLACK** wants to clear something up.

@kylieminogue I don't think I will never make a magician!!! :(hahaa

@omarepps Attention tweeple...Iced tea & cranberry juice is the official beverage of the summer!Adults, same ingredients add alcohol:-)

@michaelianblack I misspoke when I said I was the first person to land on the moon.

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Jackson wants visitors

MAYBE MICHAEL TOLD LA TOYA Michael Jackson's brother wants fans to be able to visit his grave, female-first.co.uk reports.

Randy Jackson is hoping to allow people into the private mausoleum in California's Forest Lawn Memorial Park to mark the anniversary of his death next month.

He tweeted: "I'm meeting with Forest Lawn and the City of Glendale. Although they have strict rules, I'll do my best 2 see if fans can visit & pay their respects beyond the gates of Forest Lawn, on the 25th. I will inform you all soon. (sic)"

The area where Jackson — who died of acute Propofol intoxication aged 50 on June 25, 2009 — is buried is normally off limits to non-family members and Randy's intentions have infuriated the families of other people laid to rest there.

Legendary actor Clark Gable's grandson, Clark Gable III, told gossip website TMZ the mausoleum "wouldn't be as sacred" if just anyone could go inside.

Recently, Jackson's ex-wife Lisa Marie Presley appealed to fans to send silk sunflowers to the cemetery to brighten up the singer's final resting place.

The brunette star wrote on her website: "Greetings MJ Fans. While visiting him a few days ago at Forest Lawn, Riley and I couldn't help but notice that, while there are a few bouquets, candles and gifts there is a very large empty space around him and in front of him that could use a whole lot more.

"I know how much he loved and appreciated being showered with gifts and flowers by his fans, I thought if whoever wants to buy just one silk sunflower each and sent it, the whole area around him and in front of him (As well as the two large empty vases that sit on either side of him) could be filled up in no time, which would be much more appropriate than what the current status is right now."

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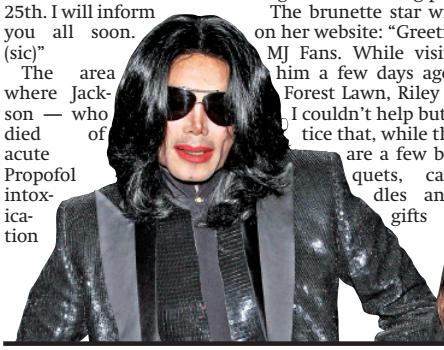

GETTY IMAGES

What ho, a wagon!

IT BE TIME TO HOP BACK ON ONCE MORE, MY LORD Jonathan Rhys Meyers is headed to rehab for a fourth time, and he's hoping this visit is the last.

"He just really wants to get better. This has been an ongoing battle for him," a source tells People magazine of the star who was reportedly banned from a morning United Airlines flight last week for being drunk and disorderly.

According to the Daily Mirror, longtime girlfriend Reena Hammer is behind his latest rehab sting.

She reportedly told him, "Check in to rehab or I'm dumping you," sources say.

"She told him to get serious counseling for his drinking and anger problems or else she will be taking a hike — out of his life."

METRO WORLD NEWS

Children and Jimmy Choos

FINDING BALANCE IN STILETTOS AND SANDBOXES Sarah Jessica Parker admits motherhood has been taking its toll on her.

"I don't have a beauty secret," Parker says, according to Hollyscoop.

"I feel old and tired. I have children I run round after, I try to walk as much as possible, and other than that I buy every cream possible.

"I love beautiful clothes and am privileged enough to have access to a lot of them, but they're returned the next day. They're not mine."

But, she insists, she isn't complaining.

"Having my boy and now the twins, life is delightful," she says.

METRO WORLD NEWS

Two are down one property

THERE ARE PLENTY MORE WHERE THAT CAME FROM Mary-Kate and Ashley Olsen have finally unloaded the downtown NYC penthouse they've had on the market for five years, according to the New York Post.

The property was purchased six years ago for $7.3 million U.S. when the billionaire twins needed housing close to New York University.

Though they were at one point asking $11.995 million for it, an unidentified hedge fund manager picked it up for $8.45 million. The Olsen twins now primarily spend their time in California.

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I'm sorry my cat, Zoey tore up your garden. Please accept these stunning flowers from Thomas Hobbs Florist that I ordered online so easily at THFlorist.com. Zoey promises she won't do it again until you replant everything.

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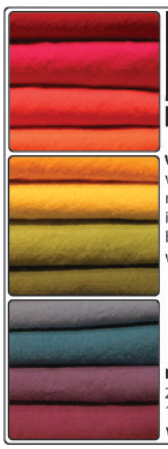

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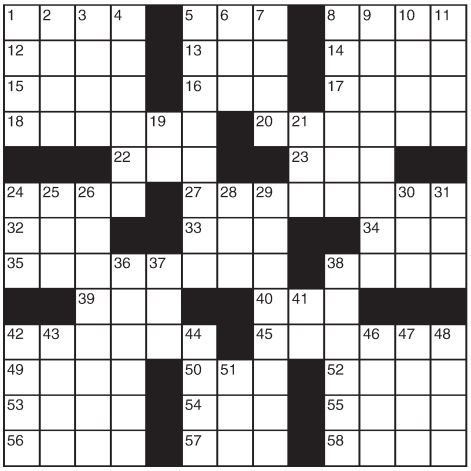

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone – one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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ACROSS

1 Dilbert's workplace
5 "Eee-www!"
8 1960s Secretary of State Dean
12 Verve
13 Born
14 Initial chip
15 Multinational money
16 Atlantic st.
17 June 6, 1944
18 Nebraska river
20 Needlenose tool
22 Rocky peak
23 Rowing need
24 "Hi, sailor"
27 Teemed
32 Cleric's title (Abbr.)
33 Head of st.
34 "— the ramparts ..."
35 Opening night
38 In pre-swan mode
39 Snitch
40 Spinning speed (Abbr.)
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45 Zero
49 Manhandle
50 Greek vowel
52 "The Music Man" setting
53 Shrek is one
54 In medias —
55 Coral structure
56 Progeny
57 Bumped into
58 Formerly, formerly

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5 Too young
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42 Andy's pal
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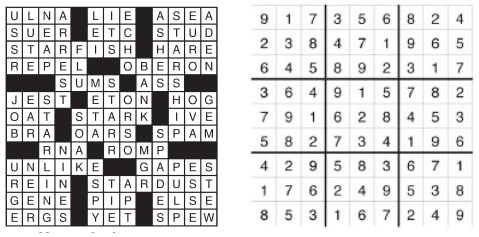
PREVIOUS DAY'S CROSSWORD AND SUDOKU ANSWERS:



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Metro Recipe of the Day

Chicken and Spinach Soup

Recipe submitted by Susan Thomas
Photo: Lisa Sembaliuk
PREP TIME: 20 MINUTES
COOK TIME: 20 MINUTES

INGREDIENTS:
1 lb chicken, cooked
10 oz fresh spinach
1/4 cup cream cheese
1 small onion, chopped
1 cup carrots, chopped
1 tbsp olive oil
2 cloves garlic, diced
3 cup chicken broth
salt and pepper to taste

METHOD:
1 Put olive oil, onion, and garlic in medium saucepan. Sauté until onions are soft, about 7 minutes.

2 Add spinach. Once the spinach has cooked, add the chicken, chicken broth and carrots. Simmer for approximately 10-15 minutes.

3 Stir in cream cheese, salt and pepper and serve.

SERVES 5

• *Try this recipe with Rosemary Oven-Roasted Potato Chips or Grilled Summer Pizza with Goat Cheese. Find the recipes at 20minutesupperclub.com/metro.*

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You may not be able to explain why you think certain things are going to happen but don't ignore that little voice inside your head.

TAURUS
APRIL 21-MAY 21
This will be a pleasant day for you, the kind of day when everything falls into place and life is fun no matter what you are doing. But don't do too much.

GEMINI
MAY 22-JUNE 21
You need peace of mind, and the best way to get it is to stop worrying about how much you own or earn. Focus on the things that really matter.

CANCER
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Whatever you are most passionate about in life, that is what you should be doing right now. Free the creative side of your nature.

LEO
JULY 23-AUG 23
Don't pay too much attention to what others are saying — they will most likely try to distract you from doing things that they don't agree with.

VIRGO
AUG 24-SEPT 22
What is happening in your life may be part of the grand cosmic plan but you must not use that as an excuse to ignore your responsibilities.

LIBRA
SEPT 23-OCT 23
Current aspects suggest that your respect for a certain individual is based on emotion rather than logic.

SCORPIO
OCT 24-NOV 22
Start something new today, something you have been thinking about for weeks if not months but never quite got around to.

SAGITTARIUS
NOV 23-DEC 21
It may seem as if others are trying to keep things from you, and maybe they are, but don't make a fuss.

CAPRICORN
DEC 22-JAN 20
With love planet Venus moving into the relationship area of your chart today you will be flavour of the month with most people.

AQUARIUS
JAN 21-FEB 18
If you find yourself being nudged in a new direction you are advised to relax and let it happen.

PISCES
FEB 19-MARCH 20
With Venus moving into the most passionate area of your chart today chances are you will go overboard in your affections, and why not?

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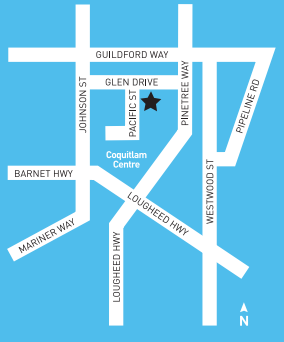

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